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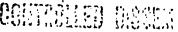
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Estimated Dollar Cost of the BACKFIRE Bomber

The estimated dollar cost of the BACKFIRE bomber -- an estimate of what it would cost in the US to produce the aircraft--is about 15 million dollars (in 1973 prices) including initial spares but excluding all R&D costs. The average unit cost presented is for a postulated production run of 400 aircraft. Since the estimating procedure used reflects declining unit cost with increased production, a change in the estimate of production would change this cost estimate. Finally, this dollar cost estimate should not be used to compare capabilities of different aircraft--a great deal of performance and mission criented data are required to make such judgments.

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forwarded to OLC (Liaison Staff) to be transmitted to a member of Senator Jackson's Staff. It was prepared as a follow on to question which arose during briefing that Carl Duckett recently gave to Senator Jackson and Staff.

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